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SUBJECT: VIET CONG ATTEMPT TO FORCE REFUGEES TO RETURN TO COMMUNIST-
CONTROLLED AREAS OF QUANG NGAI

REF: SAIGON 4374

1. FOLLOWING REPORT ON COMMUNIST ATTACKS ON REFUGEES, DATED
APRIL 5, RECEIVED FROM CONGEN DA NANG:

2. ON MARCH 28 AN ESTIMATED 40 VIET CONG GUERRILLAS ENTERED
TU CUNG RETURN TO VILLAGE SITE OF SON TINH DISTRICT AND BURNED
APPROXIMATELY 35 HOUSES AND WOUNDED TWO CIVILIANS. AS EMERGENCY
RELIEF, THE VIETNAMESE RED CROSS DISTRIBUTED 5 KILOGRAMS OF RICE
AND A BLANKET TO EACH VICTIM FAMILY. SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICE
IN QUANG NGAI ORDERED PROMPT SUBMISSION OF THE LIST OF CIVTIMS
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SO THAT THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE ALLOWANCE COULD BE PAID. THE

ALLOWANCE PROVIDES FOR 50,000 PIASTERS PER FAMILY FOR THOSE WHOSE HOUSES WERE DAMAGED MORE THAN 50 PER CENT, HOWEVER, EARLY IN THE MORNING OF MARCH 30 THE VIET CONG RETURNED AND BURNED APPROXIMATELY 50 MORE HOUSES, THIS TIME AT MY KHE HAMLET, IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO TU CUNG.

3. THESE INCIDENTS APPEAR TO BE THE FULFILLMENT OF A THREAT MADE BY THE VIET CONG ON FEBRUARY 23 WHEN THEY MORTARED THE SETTLEMENT, WOUNDED FOUR PEOPLE, AND THREATENED TO BURN THE PEOPLE OUT IF THEY DID NOT MOVE TO THE COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED AREA. AFTER BURNING THE HOUSES ON MARCH 30, THE VIET CONG THREATENED TO RETURN AND POISON THE WELLS IF THEY DID NOT MOVE TO A COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED AREA WITHIN FIVE DAYS.

4. THE INHABITANTS OF TU CUNG HAVE BEEN RESETTLED ON THEIR FORMER LANDS AND HAVE NO TIES ELSEWHERE. THE MY KHE SETTLEMENT CONSISTS OF REFUGEES WHO ORIGINALLY LIVED AT ANOTHER SITE ALSO CALLED MY KHE AND AT ONE CALLED CO LUY, AND WHO WERE RESETTLED AT THEIR PRESENT LOCATION SHORTLY AFTER THE TU CUNG PEOPLE WERE BROUGHT BACK IN JUNE 1973. DESPITE THE TERRORIST TACTICS OF THE VIET CONG, THE PEOPLE BOTH OF MY KHE AND CO LUY (AGAINST WHOM THE VIET CONG THREATS SEEM PRIMARILY DIRECTED). AND OF TU CUNG HAMLET PREFER TO BEAR THEIR ILLS WHERE THEY ARE RATHER THAN TO MOVE TO COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED AREAS.

5. SUGGEST THE SENATE SUB COMMITTEE OF THE JUDICIARY ON REFUGEES MAY BE INTERESTED IN THE ABOVE WHICH IS TYPICAL OF NVA/VC TERRORISM AGAINST REFUGEES.

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